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Sent: Tue 8/11/2015 7:03:19 PM
Subject: RE: OU-1 thoughts

Dave/Harry, thanks for the responses. I asked Jeryl to reach out to you, because at one point we had all briefly discussed and agreed on a smaller group getting together to discuss conceptual FS remedy ideas. I believe we touched on that in the manager level meeting prior to the last one in San Fran. We thought it made sense for that group to be a subset of the TWG for the reasons I observed in the last meeting. No one really wants to open up and put ideas on the table in that larger setting. Ultimately, we think ARC needs to lead the way on that proposal as a starting point and we think they may be willing to develop that information. Our original thought for the smaller group discussion wouldn't revolve around decisions, agreements, or commitments, but a group with a holistic approach to the site who understand the data and can speak rationally and scientifically about the remedy options and where they should be placed within the plume.

I agree with you Harry, that we should set this topic as an agenda item for the next meeting. I know we've touched on the role the more peripheral stakeholders have with respect to decision making, and I remember hearing that they needed to be included, but we didn't have to necessarily concur with their concerns. Thanks for letting us know where you stand on these requests. We appreciate the feedback and we'll continue to work through or around the process where possible.

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From: Ball, Harold [mailto:Ball.Harold@epa.gov]
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To: Seter, David
Cc: Levine, Herb; Jeryl Gardner; Jeff R. Collins
Subject: RE: OU-1 thoughts

Dave: Thanks for sharing this exchange. I know the frustration that Jeryl may feel when trying to make progress in big groups but I am mindful of the consideration that short cuts during the FS collaboration can lead to lack of support at decision time that could require backtracking and time lost. It is unfortunate but a reality that the Anaconda site has so many parties that are important stakeholders but so it is. We may want to include this as an agenda item to discuss at the next manager level meeting as we all seek ways to make the process more efficient. Harry

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From: Seter, David

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To: Jeryl Gardner

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Subject: Re: OU-1 thoughts

Jeryl,

I appreciate your efforts to move the project along.

A few things to consider:

EPA specifically needs to consult with Tribes on the selection of Superfund remedies.

BLM and Singatse as property owners/custodians will likely have positions to communicate with respect to the FS.

As major stakeholders, the Tribes, BLM, and Singatse, if not participants in the early phases of FS development have, based on my experience, a greater potential to slow down the later phases of the remedy selection process.

With respect to EPA's consultants, FS components of the project are not currently part of our task orders, nor do we have the financial resources to add those components at this time (as you know ARC has not paid our most recent cost demand).

To the extent we then must rely on internal resources (basically me and Herb Levine) to review FS components those internal reviews will be competing with other workload commitments. That may or may not result in quicker resolution to the FS components.

I'm not copying Jack on this but I am copying Herb and Harry because of workload and tribal consultation implications.

This would also represent a change of philosophy on the site, so I would need to consult Angeles and Harry on that aspect of the proposal.

Thanks,
Dave

From: Jeryl Gardner <JGARDNER@ndep.nv.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2015 10:10 AM

To: Seter, David; Jack Oman

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Subject: OU-1 thoughts

Hi guys,

Good RI meeting and discussions yesterday, but the FS discussions bogged down.

Remembering back to earlier discussions we have had regarding creation of a very small subset TWG to discuss conceptual FS, I think we need to create this group soon, for further discussions.

To have the Tribe, and all the consultants that are part of the bigger TWG present participating in these early discussions, is not productive.

We would like to hear your thoughts as soon as possible on what you would envision as the Core TWG

composition so we can begin more productive discussions.

Thanks,
Jeryl

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